Axecutive Proclamation State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Speech-language and hearing disorders constitute our nation's number one handicapping disability, affecting an estimated 65,000-70,000 people in South Dakota alone, and 22 million Americans nationally; and,

WHEREAS, Most people with communicative problems can be helped, medically, surgically, through hearing aids or speech-language-hearing rehabilitation, but first must know that such help is available; and,

WHEREAS, Better Hearing and Speech Month is an intensive annual effort sponsored by leading national hearing and speech-language organizations and other civic groups, to inform people about communicative disorders; to encourage those who suspect a problem to seek assistance; and to publicize the availability of service resources; and,

WHEREAS, The Sertoma Clubs of South Dakota, in the cities of Aberdeen, Huron, Pierre, Rapid City, Sioux Falls, Vermillion, and Yankton wish to help our state promote Better Hearing and Speech Month; and,

WHEREAS, This campaign should help to encourage and stimulate early detection, proper treatment, prevention and greater understanding of speech-language and hearing impairments:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota. do hereby proclaim the month of May, 1981, as

BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH

in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens of South Dakota to learn more about hearing, speech and language handicaps and to encourage a more enlightened public attitude about this, our nation's most widespread malady.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtleth Day of April, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-One

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE